establishment of a super special hospital on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; and

(d) if so, the status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Proposals for upgradation of 4 medical institutions with a total cost of Rs. 222 crores have been submitted by the Government of Orissa to this Ministry in December, 2002. The Government of Orissa has been requested to send a comprehensive proposal covering all the medical colleges and attached hospitals in the States.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister has already laid the foundation stone on July 15, 2003, for 'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar', a super specialty hospital on the pattern of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

Commitment for free to air channels

*4. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any commitment to provide 70 free-to-air channels in 72 rupees under the CAS regime; and

(b) if so, the channels falling under this category and the basis of this assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government had amended the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act 1995 and had made a provision for transmission of programmes through an addressable system. Under Section 4A(1) of the Act the Central Government is empowered, in the public interest, to specify the maximum amount which a cable operator may demand from subscriber for receiving the programmes transmitted in the basic service tier, consisting of free to air channels. On 7th May 2003, the Government has specified the maximum amount, in public interest, to

be Rs. 72.00+taxes which the cable operator may demand from the subscriber for receiving the programmes transmitted in the free to air channels, included in the basic service tier. This notification has been made specifically for the areas in which the Conditional Access System is proposed to be introduced. It has also been notified that the basic service tier shall include not less than 30 free to air channels of different genres of entertainment, news, sports, children programmes and music. Free to air channels, over and above those included in the basic service tier, would also be made available to the subscribers within the notified maximum amount. Some MSOs have indicated that they would be able to provide between 56 to 73 free to air channels in their areas.

Trade agreement with China

*5. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trade agreement between India and China signed during the Prime Minister's recent visit to China;

(b) the level of trade between the two countries specifying the quantities and values of the commodities exported to and imported from China before the signing of the agreement; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the targets now set in the new agreement?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) During Prime Minister's visit to China during June 22-27, 2003, the following Agreements relating to Trade were signed:

(i) A Memorandum on Expanding Border Trade.

(ii), A Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for Exporting Mangoes from India to China.

(iii) A Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive